

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1-27 (Canceled)

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~28~~ 48 wherein:

- (a) the step of coiling comprises winding a corrugated sheet/facing sheet strip including a urethane backside sealant bead.

30-31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~34~~ 48 wherein:

- (a) the step of distorting the coreless coil to a shape having two opposite, rounded, ends separated by two, opposite, sides involves distorting to a shape also having two, opposite, straight sides.

33. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 32 wherein:

- (a) the step of coiling comprises winding a corrugated sheet/facing sheet strip including a urethane backside sealant bead that foams.

34. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 33 wherein:

- (a) the step of coiling comprises winding a corrugated sheet/facing sheet strip including a urethane backside sealant bead that comprises a urethane that increases in volume by at least 40% during cure.

35. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 34 including a step of:

- (a) sealing a tail end of the media along its length by a sealant.

36. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 35 including a step of:
- (a) sealing a tail end of the media along its length by a hot melt sealant.
37. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 34 including a step of:
- (a) positioning a housing seal on an obround shaped coil resulting from the step of distorting.
38. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 37 wherein:
- (a) the step of positioning a housing seal comprises securing a polyurethane seal to an outer surface of the filter media.
39. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 37 including a step of:
- (a) mounting a framework on the obround shaped coil resulting from the step of distorting.
40. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 39 including a step of:
- (a) providing a housing seal ring on the framework.
41. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 40 wherein:
- (a) the step of mounting a framework includes mounting a plastic cross piece positioned as a face lattice.
42. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 41 wherein:
- (a) the step of distorting comprises distorting to yield ~~an obround a~~ shape with a straight side ~~and with~~ a tail end of the media along the straight side.
43. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 42 wherein:
- (a) the step of distorting the coreless coil comprises forming at least six interdigitized flutes along a center strip of the z-filter media construction.

44. – 47. Cancelled

48. (New) A method of preparing a z-filter media construction including steps of:
- (a) coiling a corrugated sheet/facing sheet strip on a hub to form a generally circular coil;
  - (b) removing the resulting coil from the hub to provide a coreless coil having an open center; and,
  - (c) distorting the coreless coil to a non-circular shape having two, opposite, rounded ends separated by two, opposite, sides with a media center sealed closed where sections of the corrugated sheet/face sheet strip facing one another.